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FOLLOWING IS A TRANSLATION OF THE FRONT PAGE TOP STORY APPEARING IN THE JANUARY 26 ASAHI EVENING NEWS: QUOTE

THE ASAHI PLAYED UP THE PROBLEM OF PLANT EXPORTS TO THE USSR, CARRYING THE HEADLINES "ATOMIC POWER GENERATION PLANT FACILITIES TO BE EXPORTED TO USSR FOR THE FIRST TIME; HEADING TOWARD NEGOTIATIONS ON YEN400-BILLION TRADE; 10 PLANT FACILITIES; SIX-COMPANY MISSION LEAVES; POLITICAL AND BUSINESS CIRCLES ALSO TO EXTEND SUPPORT." PARA.

THE ASAHI'S STORY SAID: TRADE NEGOTIATIONS FOR OUR COUNTRY'S EXPORTING TO THE USSR TEN ATOMIC POWER GENERATION PLANT FACILITIES OF THE 1,000,000-KILOWATT CLASS HAVE BEEN PROGRESSING, AND IN ORDER TO BOIL DOWN THE CONCRETE CONTENTS THEREOF, A MISSION TO THE USSR (COMPOSED OF 14 PERSONS INCLUDING MISSION LEADER YOSHIOKU ISHIZAKI, CHIEF OF THE ATOMIC POWER DEPARTMENT OF MITSUBISHI HEAVY INDUSTRIES) LEFT FOR MOSCOW ON UNCLASSIFIED

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THE 25TH. THE TRADE NEGOTIATIONS ARE BASED ON THE ELECTRIC

POWER DEVELOPMENT PROJECT, WHICH FORMS AN IMPORTANT PILLAR OF THE SOVIET UNION'S TENTH FIVE-YEAR PLAN WHICH WILL START FROM THIS YEAR. WHEN HE VISITED THE USSR TOWARD THE END OF LAST YEAR, KEIDANREN (FEDERATION OF ECONOMIC ORGANIZATIONS) CHAIRMAN TOSHIO DOKO TOLD SOVIET STATE ATOMIC ENERGY COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN PETROSYANTS THAT OUR COUNTRY IS PLACED IN A SET-UP UNDER WHICH IT WILL BE ABLE TO EXTEND COOPERATION, INCLUDING THE TAKING OF A FORWARD-LOOKING POSTURE TOWARD THE INDUCTION OF JAPAN EXPORT-IMPORT BANK FUNDS. THUS, THE POSSIBILITY HAS BECOME STRONGER THAT THE TRADE NEGOTIATIONS WILL DEVELOP RAPIDLY. THIS WILL BE THE FIRST TIME FOR OUR COUNTRY TO EXPORT ATOMIC POWER GENEATION PLANT FACILITIES. PARA.

IN REGARD TO THE TRADE NEGOTIATIONS, THE SOVIET SIDE MADE UNOFFICIAL SOUNDING-OUT EFFORTS THE YEAR BEFORE LAST, AND THE NEGOTIATIONS TOOK CONCRETE SHAPE, WITH THE SOLIDIFICATION OF THE CONTENTS OF THE TENTH FIVE-YEAR PLAN. LAST SUMMER, THEREFORE, WITH THE JAPAN ATOMIC INDUSTRY FORUM (CHAIRMAN: HIROMI ARISAWA) AS THE WINDOW, TECHNICIANS OF SIX COMPANIES, THAT IS, MITSUBISHI HEAVY INDUSTRIES, HITACHI WORKS, TOKYO SHIBAURA ELECTRIC, ISHIKAWAJIMA-HARIMA HEAVY INDUSTRIES, FUJI ELECTRIC MACHINERY PRODUCTION, AND JAPAN STEEL, VISITED THE USSR, AND ASKED IT ABOUT ITS DESIRES. THE MISSION, WHICH LEFT FOR THE USSR ON THE 25TH, IS ALSO CENTERED ON THE TECHNICIANS FROM THE SIX COMPANIES, BUT IT ALSO INCLUDES OPERATION CONNECTED PERSONS. IT WILL STAY IN MOSCOW FOR ABOUT TWO WEEKS, AND WILL HOLD TALKS WITH REPRESENTATIVES OF THE SOVIET STATE ATOMIC ENERGY COMMITTEE, THE ELECTRIC POWER AND ELECTRIFICATION MINISTRY, ETC. THE JAPANESE MISSION IS ALSO CARRYING WITH IT A WRITTEN PRODUCTION PLAN, BASED ON THE SOVIET SIDE'S SPECIFICATIONS, AND A WRITTEN ESTIMATE. IT IS SURMISED THAT IF THE TALKS PROGRESS SMOOTHLY, THEN THE PROBLEM OF CONCRETE EXPORT PRICES WILL BE DISCUSSED, TOO. PARA.

UNDER ITS TENTH FIVE-YEAR PLAN, WHICH WILL START FROM THIS YEAR, THE SOVIET SIDE HAS PROPOSED TO IMPORT A TOTAL OF TEN FACILITIES, AT THE RATE OF TWO FACILITIES A YEAR. THE ATOMIC REACTORS INVOLVED ARE PRESSURE-WATER AND LIGHT-WATER TYPE REACTORS. ON THE BASIS OF THE SOVIET SIDE'S SPECIFICATIONS, THEY WILL BE PRODUCED BY THE ATOMIC ENERGY INDUSTRY CIRCLES OF OUR COUNTRY. THEY WILL INCLUDE THE MAIN ATOMIC REACTOR CONTAINER EQUIPMENT, EXCLUDING THE PART FOR DIRECTLY DELIVER-

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ING NUCLEAR FUEL, STEAM-EMISSION DEVICES, AND OTHER KINDS OF PERIPHERAL EQUIPMENT. THE OUTPUT OF POWER HAS STILL NOT BEEN DECIDED CONCRETELY, BUT IT SEEMS THAT THE SOVIET SIDE INTENDS TO IMPORT POWER GENERATION PLANT FACILITIES WITH AN OUTPUT OF 1,000,000 TO 1,300,000 KILOWATTS. PARA.

WITH REGARD TO THE SOVIET SIDE'S PROPOSAL, OUR COUNTRY'S ATOMIC ENERGY INDUSTRY CIRCLES, AT THE BEGINNING, WERE CAUTIOUS,

FOR THE FOLLOWING REASONS, BESIDES THE FACT THAT THE CONCRETE CONTENTS OF THE TRADE NEGOTIATIONS WERE NOT CLEAR: (1) ATOMIC REACTORS HAVE HITHERTO BEEN TREATED AS COCOM-VWK(2) OUR COUNTRY'S ATOMIC -POWER GENERATION TECHNIQUES ARE BASED ON THE TECHNIQUES-INDUCTION CONTRACTS CONCLUDED WITH US MANUFACTURERS CONCERNED. HOWEVER, FORMER PRIME MINISTER TANAKA, WHO VISITED THE USSR IN 1173, HELD TALKS WITH PREMIER KOSYGIN, AT WHICH TIME, THE TWO COUNTRIES REACHED BASIC AGREEMENT ON THE PEACEFUL UTILIZATIONOF ATOMIC ENERGY AND JOINT RESEARCH. MOREOVER, THE TRADE NEGOTIATIONS THIS TIME CONCERN "PRODUCTION TO ORDER," WHICH WILL BE CARRIED OUT AS SET FORTH IN THE DESIGN ON PRESSURE-WATER-TYPE REACTORS, DEVELOPED BY THE SOVIET SIDE'S OWN EFFORTS. THEREFORE, IT WAS JUDGED THAT THERE WILL BE NO PARTICULAR OBSTACLES, FROM A TECHNICAL STANDPOINT, AND EVEN FROM THE VIEWPOINT OF COCOM RESTRICTIONS. THIS IS WHY A DECISION HAS BEEN REACHED TO TACKLE IT POSITIVELY. PARA.  
ON THE OTHER HAND, THE GOVERNMENT AND MITI ALSO INTEND TO SUPPORT THE TRADE NEGOTIATIONS POSITIVELY, FROM THE STAND THAT THEY WILL STRENGTHEN JAPAN-SOVIET ECONOMIC COOPERATON, WHILE HAVING BIG EFFECTS ON THE PROMOTION OF EXPORTS BY THE ATOMIC ENERGY INDUSTRY, WHICH IS A KNOW-HOW-CONCENTRATED INDUSTRY. MITI ALSO THINKS THAT THERE IS NO PROBLEM, IN REGARD TO COCOM RESTRICTIONS. IT IS ALSO TAKING THE ATTITUDE OF ACCEPTING AN EXPORT APPLICATION IF IT IS LODGED AFTER THE TRADE NEGOTIATIONS ARE SETTLED. PARA.

MOREOVER, AGAINST THE BACKGROUND OF THE FACT THAT IT IS URGENTLY NECESSARY TO PROMOTE PLANT EXPORTS, AS A BIG PILLAR FOR BUSINESS RECOVERY, MITI IS SOLIDIFYING ITS JUDGEMENT THAT IT WILL BE ABSOLUTELY NECESSARY TO INDUCT JAPAN EXPORT-IMPORT BANK FUNDS, WITH REGARD TO THE NEGOTIATIONS ON LARGE-SCALE TRADE AMOUNTING TO MOE THAN 400 BILLION YEN. IT IS THUS TAKING THE POSTURE OF CARRYING OUT ACTIVITIES TOWARD VARIOUS CIRCLES  
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CONCERNED. PARA.

SOME QUARTERS ARE EXPRESSING A FEELING OF UNEASINESS AS TO THE PURPOSES FOR WHICH THE ATOMIC REACTORS TO BE EXPORTED WILL BE USED. HOWEVER, THE USSR IS A COUNTRY WHICH HAS RATIFIED THE NUCLEAR NON-PROLIFERATION TREATY; THEREFORE, IT SEEMS THAT SUCH UNEASINESS HAS DISAPPEARED. (FULL TRANSLATION) END QUOTE.  
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